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Joshua 24:1-33

We Will Serve The Lord

I. Introduction: Joshua delivered a farewell challenge to the tribes of Israel to follow the Lord after his death, putting away all idols and committing to serving Him alone.

II. We Will Serve The Lord (Josh 24:1-33).

A. Israel's Past Blessings (vv. 1-13).

1. Joshua recalled for Israel all that God had done from the time of Abraham into their present time to bring them into Canaan and give them the land.

B. Israel's Present Summons (vv. 14-18).

1. Joshua called Israel to rededicate themselves to God and forsake the gods of this world to serve Him with their whole hearts.

C. Israel's Personal Commitment (vv. 19-28).

1. Joshua explained that Israel would not be able to obey God the way He commended them to because they didn't have the ability to love Him.

D. Israel's Promised Inheritance (vv. 29-33).

1. Israel continued to follow God all the days of Joshua, and they buried him in the territory that God promised him, along with Joseph and Eleazar.

III. Conclusion: Joshua lived out all the days of his life in victory and peace, and God fulfilled every promise He had made to Joshua and His people.

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Study Questions: We Will Serve The Lord

1. Will you serve God with your life? Are you following the gods of this world? Do you live by faith or fear? Do you revere God or the world? Will you serve Him wholeheartedly?
2. Why did Joshua gather all of Israel at Shechem? (**Josh 23:1-13**) Why did Joshua remind them of their history? (**vv. 3-13**) How did God call Abram out of idolatry in Ur? (**vv. 2-4**)
3. How did God deliver Israel from Egypt? (**Josh 24:5-7**) How did He guide them to Canaan? (**24:8-10**) How did God give them the land? (**24:11-13**) What was Joshua's point? (**24:14**)
4. What did Joshua summon Israel to do? (**Josh 24:14-18**) How had idolatry plagued Israel? (**Ex 32:1-35; Lev 17:7; Ezek 20:6-8**) Why does God hate idolatry? (**Ex 20:5**)
5. What decision did Joshua call Israel to make? (**Josh 24:15**) What choice did Joshua make for his family? (**v. 15**) What was Israel's response? (**vv. 16-17**) Who is your master?
6. What was Joshua's unusual reaction to Israel? (**Josh 24:18-28**) Why did he say they could not follow God? (**vv. 19-20**) Why is following God humanly impossible? (**John 3:1-10**)
7. Why did Joshua tell them to put away their idols? (**Josh 24:23-24**) How did God give Jacob the same instruction in Shechem? (**Gen 35:4**) Are there any idols in your life?
8. What three funerals are mentioned at the end of Joshua? (**Josh 24:29-33**) How did these funerals prove God's faithfulness? (**Josh 21:43-45; 23:14**) Can God's promises be trusted?

Prayer

1. Pray for God to show you if you have any idols in your life that you need to eliminate.
2. Ask God to enable you to follow and serve Him by the power of the Holy Spirit.